Clinical Practice Advisories: January 2011- December 2011		
Board Advisory Date:		
February 17, 2011		
Reconsideration of the December 16, 2010 re: Implantation of insertable cardiac monitors	Question: Is it within the APRN scope of practice to implant insertable cardiac monitors, also called internal loop recorders?	
	Answer: Board consensus that it is within the scope of APRN practice to implant insertable cardiac monitors, as long as the APRN has the documented education, skills and competencies to do so. Additionally there needs to be a facility policy that supports this practice.	
March 17, 2011		
LNA infusion of tube feedings via a pump	Question: Can an LNA administer tube feedings via pump?	
(update of board opinion dated Fall 2000)	Answer: Board consensus that it is within the scope of practice of an LNA to administer tube feedings via pump, provided the LNA had the education, skills and documented competencies to do so. Additionally there needs to be a facility policy that supports this practice.	
RN scope of practice regarding C-arm	Question: Is it within the scope of practice of an RN to compress pedal of C-arm under direct supervision of the provider.	
	Answer: Board consensus that it is not within the scope of practice of an RN to compress the C-arm pedal.	
RN scope of practice regarding application of neuro-monitoring percutaneous needles and operating neuro-monitoring	Question: Is it within the RN's scope of practice to apply neuro-monitoring percutaneous needles and/or to operate neuro-monitoring equipment during a procedure, in the operating room?	
equipment	Answer: Board consensus that it is not within RN scope of practice to apply neuro-monitoring percutaneous needles, to operate neuro-monitoring equipment, or to interpret signals. It is within the RN scope of practice to push the reset button under the direction of the surgeon.	
April 21, 2011		
LNA scope of practice to deliver OTC medication in home setting	Question: Would the Board consider an exemption process that could be available unique circumstances in which a law is prohibiting safe delivery of an over-the-counter medication to	

	a minor at home by an LNA?
	Answer: Board reaffirmed that medication administration is not within the scope of a Licensed Nursing Assistant pursuant to RSA 326-B:14
RNFA scope of practice to insert secondary trocars	Question: Is it within scope of practice of RNFA to insert secondary trocars under physician supervision during laparoscopic surgery?
	Answer: Board consensus that it is within the scope of practice for RNFA to insert SECONDARY trocars under physician supervision during laparoscopic surgery provided competencies in Nur 404.12 are met and are within the policies and procedures of institution.
May 19, 2011	
RN scope of practice to set up patient's CPAP therapy	Question: Can an RN with appropriate competencies provide education and set up a patient's CPAP therapy?
	Answer: Board consensus that this procedure is done by respiratory therapists and competent members of the public. The nursing license is not required to perform this function.
LNA scope of practice to perform a urine dip	Question: Is it within the scope of practice of the LNA to perform a urine dip with a Chem Strip and report the findings to a licensed nurse?
	Answer: Board consensus that the LNA can perform this procedure provided they have competencies and facility policies support the nursing assistant practice.
RN scope of practice to perform a slip lamp exam	Question: With demonstrated competence, is it within the scope of practice for an RN to perform a slit lamp exam including measuring intraocular pressure?
	Board consensus that it is not within RN scope of practice to perform this procedure. The Board further opines this is within the APRN scope of practice provided they have the competencies to perform the procedure.
RN scope of practice to administer IV "push" bolus doses of NMB's	Is it within the RN scope of practice to administer IV "push" bolus doses of Neuromuscular blockage agents or paralytics?
	Board consensus that this is not within the RN scope of practice and refers to the Anesthesia/analgesia administration

LNA scope of practice to administer suppositories for bowel needs	Frequently Asked Questions located on the Board website at www.state.nh.us/nursing under the FAQ section (section: FAQ includes listings for many roles). Question: Is it within LNA scope of practice to administer suppositories for bowel needs? Answer: Board consensus that it is within LNA scope of practice to administer only non-medicated suppositories provided they have the competencies to perform the procedure and facility policies support the nursing assistant practice.
RN scope of practice to use magnetic card to deactivate ICD.	Question: Is it within RN scope of practice to use magnetic card to deactivate implantable cardioverter-defibrillator? Answer: Board consensus that it is within RN scope of practice to use magnetic card to deactivate implantable cardioverter-defibrillator provided competencies and facility policies are met.
<u>July 21, 2011</u>	
LNA/MNA scope of practice to check for placement of feeding tube	Question: Prior to administration of of enteral medication(s) by an MNA and enteral feedings by an LNA/MNA is it within the scope of practice for an LNA/MNA to listen and/or check for placement of feeding tube with proper training and competencies completed?
	Answer: The Board opined that it is not within the scope of practice for an LNA/MNA to listen or check for placement of the feeding tube prior to the administration of feedings/medications.
RN scope of practice to administer IV "push" bolus doses of NMB's	At the Board meeting of July 21, 2011, the Board revisited the question posed at its May 19, 2011 meeting concerning neuromuscular blockade agents. In order to stay consistent with current practice throughout the State, the Board retracts its previous opine on May 19 and June 16 and states that it is within the scope of practice of an RN to administer neuromuscular blockade agents or paralytics as outlined in Clinical Practice Advisories, Frequently Asked Clinical Practice Questions regarding Anesthesia/Analgesia Administration on our website, www.nh.gov/nursing .
<u>September 15, 2011</u>	Question: Can nurses (LPNs/RNs) refill medications based on
	office practice protocol? If not, can they do if the provider

Pharmacy refills	signs off on the refill after the medication is sent to the pharmacy? Answer: At its September 15, 2011 meeting, the board
	reaffirms its previous opinion that is not within the licensed nurses practice to refill medications without a physician's order.
Wound debridement	Question:
	Is it within the RN scope to perform conservative sharp debridement in a chronic wound if the RN has been trained and certified by WOCN?
	Answer: At its September 15, 2011 meeting, the board opined it is within the RN scope of practice provided the RN has the competencies to perform and facility policies support the RN practice.
<u>November 17, 2011</u>	Question:
	Can an RN extract Cerebral Spinal Fluid from an indwelling catheter hourly?
	Answer: The board opined at its November 17, 2011 meeting that this procedure is not within the RN scope of practice.
<u>December 15, 2011</u>	Question:
	"Can a LNA insert lidocaine jelly 2%?"
	Answer: The board opined at its December 15, 2011 meeting that this procedure is not within the LNA scope of practice.